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For: **METHOD AND INSTALLATION  
FOR MEASURING AND REGULATING  
THE FLOW RATE OF A LIQUID  
METAL IN A CONTINUOUS CASTING  
INGOT MOULD**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

After the title, and before the first paragraph insert the following:

--This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 365 from International application number PCT/FR00/01485, filed on May 30, 2000, and from French application 99/07021, filed on May 31, 1999, the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter rewritten claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the speed measurement is used to servocontrol the excitation of the inductors (9) into a predetermined value.

Please add the following new claim:

8. (New) The method of claim 2, characterized in that the speed measurement is used to servocontrol the excitation of the inductors (9) into a predetermined value.